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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and 30-31.

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

26. A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a three-layer film consisting essentially of
[having as a minimum] the following structure:

C:D:C;

where C comprises an outer monolithic layer containing a hydrophilic polymeric resin capable of absorbing and desorbing moisture and providing a barrier to water and microorganisms, said outer monolithic layer being substantially free of particulate filler; and,

D comprises a microporous adhesive core layer for bonding said outer monolithic layers together, said microporous adhesive core layer containing micropores, wherein said outer monolithic layers substantially prevent the buildup of particulate filler material on a die during formation of said multilayer breathable film, and wherein said micropores are constructed and arranged to provide the passage of gaseous water but substantially prevent the passage of liquid water.